

## MR. TRUESDELL OFFERS BRANCH LIBRARY SITE

Board of Trustees Will Consider Tender of Land Situated in West Eckington.

George W. Truesdell, ex-commissioner of the district, has the distinction of offering the first site for one of the proposed branch libraries made possible by Andrew Carnegie's additional gift of this week. Mr. Truesdell presented his offer of a site at the corner of First and R streets northwest, to the board of trustees at their meeting held yesterday afternoon at the library.

The offer was in writing and read as follows: "Referring to the published report that Andrew Carnegie has generously offered to supplement his gift for the erection of buildings for branch libraries, conditional upon suitable sites being provided free of charge, I desire to submit the following: I hereby offer to deed to your board as a site for a branch library building lots 28 and 29, in square 6, West Eckington, having a combined frontage on R street of 53 feet, and on First Street 90 feet. The proposed site is one square north of the Eckington school, and one square east of the new school on Lincoln avenue. I shall be pleased to convey you a good title for the property whenever you are ready to receive it."

### To Examine Site.

The board of trustees discussed the offer at length and a committee, composed of Theodore W. Noyes, C. J. Bell, and B. H. Warner, was named to investigate the site and report to the board of trustees at an early date. The same committee was instructed to draft appropriate resolutions to be presented to Mr. Carnegie for his additional gift.

In connection with the offer made by

Mr. Truesdell, W. G. Henderson, president of the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, sent a letter to the trustees recommending the site offered for the branch library in West Eckington and offered to donate the books now owned by the association. The committee on rules presented a report in which it recommended a number of changes in the regulations governing the library. These are offered to facilitate the handling of books in the new institution, which will be opened to the public Monday morning. Before the meeting adjourned, the annual election of the officers of the board was held and the present incumbents re-elected for the ensuing year.

### Other Offers Probable.

The action of the West Eckington citizens has caused increased activity among the residents of other suburbs, and when the trustees meet next week at the call of the president, three or four offers are expected. Takoma Park citizens are arranging for a meeting the first of the week to prepare their offer to the trustees, and they are planning to secure sufficient appropriation from the board to erect the most imposing of the branches to be established.

The board has not decided how many buildings will be erected, and the question will no doubt depend upon the number of sites offered the trustees and the number of branches asked by the suburban towns. It is the board's desire to make the money go as far as possible and thus erect as many buildings as are advisable.

## WILL TIGHTEN LINES ON POLICE SICK LEAVE

Thirty-Day Limit in Ordinary Cases.

The District Commissioners have approved a recommendation of Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, relative to loss of time by men on the force through illness. Major Sylvester made his recommendation after consultation on the subject with his lieutenants and members of the board of surgeons.

It appears that time has been allowed to sick men, on the application of the board of surgeons, in all cases of illness. The result has been the absence from duty, on pay, of a number of men. The officials also think that in some instances men have remained away from duty longer than necessary. To meet the situation fully Major Sylvester proposed that paragraph 200, of the manual, relating to the subject be amended to read:

"The surgeons on the last day of each month shall report to the Major and Superintendent of Police each case attended by them, giving the cause of disability and the number of days the officer was unable to perform duty. In no case will sick time be allowed in excess of thirty days in any one calendar year, except when the same is in consequence of injury received, or contagious or malignant disease contracted in the line of duty, and then not until the board of police and fire surgeons shall recommend that such excess of thirty days be allowed, and the same shall have been approved by the Commissioners."

## CAN PROSECUTE UNTIL HE TAKES JUDICIAL OATH

Law Upholds District Attorney Gould.

Confusion at the City Hall and much involved legislation have been forestalled by the diligence of a Washington attorney. He is counsel for an individual recently indicted by the grand jury, and who wanted to test the validity of the indictment on the ground that it was signed by District Attorney Gould after he had been appointed an associate member of the Supreme Court of the District.

The attorney for the defense stated yesterday that he found the law to be that the acts of Mr. Gould as District Attorney are not affected by the fact that he has received his commission as a member of the Supreme Court of the District. He is not a de facto member of the District Bench until he has subscribed to the oath of office. If the reverse of this were true all the indictments reported by the grand jury and signed by District Attorney Gould since his nomination was confirmed by the Senate would be invalid. Mr. Gould gave this matter attention at the time of his confirmation. Had there been any reasonable ground on which to question the legality of the indictments endorsed by him after the date of his confirmation he would have avoided such a complication.

After Mr. Gould takes the oath of office and is assigned to one of the branches of the Supreme Court of the District, he will not be eligible to preside at the trial of any person against whom he returned an indictment while he was United States District Attorney for the District. From what is known at this time, however, it is generally believed that Mr. Gould will not be assigned to either of the criminal divisions of the District Court.

## ARMY AND NAVY MEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Expected to Adopt Eligibility Rules in Washington Today.

The two committees which represent the Athletic Association of the Army and Navy will hold their annual meeting in Washington today, when details for the arrangement of the football games to be played in Philadelphia this year will be completed.

The question of adopting eligibility rules to apply to Annapolis and West Point, the same as are in effect at other colleges and universities, is the most important one that will arise. The navy representatives will insist on instituting some rules which will prevent athletic stars from entering West Point who have played their time at other schools.

Commander C. E. Colahan, Commander W. F. Halsey and Lieut. J. M. Poyer will represent the Academy. The West Point committee will be composed of Colonel Ferberger, Captain Norden and Captain Pierce.

Another race to be rowed on the Severn between the second crew of Georgetown and the middies' second crew on May 23, the same day that the Georgetown first crew and Annapolis' first crew row, has been added by Manager Paul H. Fretz.

### OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Oceania Lodge No. 1, Improved Order Knights of Pythias, installed the following officers Thursday night: Past commander, Alfred Worch; commander, Oswald Edert; Vice commander, George Haupt; prelate, Henry Xander; scribe, J. A. Schuerger; treasurer, Louis Brandt; sergeant-at-arms, Hermann Zoellner; inner guard, John Schorr; outer guard, J. H. Knoch. Trustees: Henry Xander, William Brakhagen, and Henry Jaeger.

## MONDAY PROGRAM OF THE MARINE BAND

The following program will be given at the Marine Barracks on Monday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock by the Marine Band orchestra, William H. Santelmann, leader:

March, "Soldiers and Sweethearts"; Hall; overture, "Oberon"; Weber; (a) march, "Turquoise"; Beethoven; (b) minuet from "Military Symphony"; Haydn; waltz, "Freuet Euch des Lebens"; Strauss; grand fantasia, "Il Traviata"; Verdi; (a) romance, "By the River"; (new), (b) characteristic, "The Lizard and the Frog"; (new), Morse; entr'acte, "Deutscher Tanz"; (new), Kretschmer; march, "Invincible Eagle"; Sousa.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers of Thomas Jefferson Council, No. 12, Jr. O. U. A. M., have been elected and installed: Junior past counselor, R. H. Yates; counselor, W. P. Evans, sr.; vice counselor, J. F. Sullivan, recording secretary, A. C. McLean (re-elected); financial secretary, C. L. Nace (re-elected); treasurer, W. H. Dunn (re-elected); conductor, G. Y. White; inside sentinel, C. H. Martz; outside sentinel, W. P. Evans, jr.; trustees, W. P. Evans, sr.; J. P. Hawkins, J. F. Sullivan; widow and orphan committee, W. P. Evans, sr.; W. H. Dunn, J. P. Hawkins, Charles Hillengasse; collector, W. P. Evans, sr.; Deputy State Counselor P. J. Rudasill, of Capitol Council, No. 25, installed the new officers.

### The Southern's Palm Limited.

Washington to Jacksonville and St. Augustine without change. This matchless train makes its initial trip next Monday, January 12, leaving Washington 6:31 p. m., and week days thereafter until further notice, running solid to St. Augustine, with exception one drawing room sleeper for Aiken and Augusta, making connection for Summerville, Charleston, Brunswick, Savannah, Tampa, Palm Beach, Miami, Cuba, and Nassau.

Two other high-class trains for Florida and the South, daily, leave Washington 10:51 a. m. and 9:50 p. m.; dining car service.

## COUPLING LAW CONSTRUED BY UNITED STATES COURT

Interstate Commerce Commission Sends Report to Congress.

The attention of Congress has been called by the Interstate Commerce Commission to a recent decision in the United States circuit court of appeals for the Eighth circuit, in which it was held that it is not necessary for railroads to equip cars used in interstate traffic with automatic couplers that will connect with those in use by other companies. Should this decision be affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, the commission asserts the beneficial effects of the safety appliance law of March 2, 1893, will be entirely lost.

The act of 1893 was designed to protect the lives of brakemen and other railroad employees by compelling the use of car couplers that would work automatically and do away with the old practice by which brakemen were obliged to stand between the cars and couple them by hand. Hundreds of men were crushed to death between the cars, while thousands lost their arms and were otherwise maimed.

By the decision of the circuit court of appeals in the Eighth district, however, the law is held to be inapplicable to interstate traffic.

### GREEN CLAY SMITH'S

#### COMMAND INSTALLS

A joint installation of officers of Green Clay Smith's Command, U. V. U. No. 17, and its auxiliary, W. V. R. U. No. 3, was held at Macabee Temple last Tuesday evening. The officers of the auxiliary installed were: President, Mrs. Belle Gibson; senior vice president, Rosie Noskey; junior vice president, Lucinda Geuber; chaplain, Capitola Martin; treasurer, Mary A. Peck; secretary, Georgeanna Evans; conductress, Sallie Martin; assistant conductress, Mrs. Fannie Avis; first color bearer, Annie L. Power; second color bearer, Hellenia Noske; musician, Mrs. H. A. Wyman; inside guard, Mary E. Norton; outside guard, Mrs. Margaret Parker. The officers of command are Colonel Leam, Lieut. Col. Leroy Ellis, Major G. Hulise, Chaplain H. V. Colton, Surgeon G. W. King, Quartermaster L. B. Brown. An entertainment followed, and refreshments were served. Colonel Leam installed the ladies, assisted by Past National Senior Vice Ida Bogie Roe and Mrs. Ida Chace.

### MEN'S MASS MEETING

#### AT LAFAYETTE THEATER

James L. Gordon, one of the bright stars of the Canadian pulpit, pastor of the Bond Street Congregational Church of Toronto, will address the meeting for men in Lafayette Theater tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Gordon was the successor of the famous Cleveland preacher, Morgan Wood, and has become one of the most prominent figures in Canadian church circles. He is an original, eloquent talker, and is attractive to audiences of women.

The Chicago Glee Club will be the musical attraction tomorrow. This musical company filled last season 280 engagements with success.

The doors of the theater will be opened at 3:30 o'clock, and the song service will begin at 3:45.

Tickets may be secured at hotels and drug stores generally without cost.

### THE DEATH RECORD.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon today:

Abraham P. De Graw, 75 years.  
Betty H. Maury, 87 years.  
Albert Johnson, 60 years.  
John Carroll, 60 years.  
Anna M. Cusber, 48 years.  
Richard L. Irwin, 35 years.  
Amin A. Sehlhausen, 27 years.  
Beulah Williams, 22 years.  
Bessie Carlaway, 18 years.

### On Nature's Plan.

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## JR. O. U. A. M. INSTALL NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

After Ceremony the Members Gather at an Oyster Supper.

Mount Vernon Council No. 10, Junior O. U. A. M., of this city, installed the following named officers at its meeting held January 7: Counselor, B. W. Weaver; vice counselor, J. J. Fowler; recording secretary, John E. Smallwood (fourth year); assistant recording secretary, H. F. Steel (eighth term); financial secretary, James S. Espy (second year); treasurer, William M. Bobb (third year); warden, Andrew Steel (second term); conductor, Ralph M. McKenzie; inside sentinel, Charles Goodall; outside sentinel, George H. Reston, jr.; past counselor, John A. H. Hargett; trustees, Frank F. Kress and Ralph M. McKenzie. Past Counselor John E. Smallwood was elected delegate to represent the council in the Eastern P. B. A. and John W. George alternate.

The trustees of this council met at the residence of Past Counselor William H. Pyles, corner of Twelfth and I streets southeast, January 6 for the purpose of examining the books of the officers. The result of the examination was very satisfactory, and showed the council to be in a very healthy condition. There is now in the hands of the treasurer for the quarter ending December 31, 1902, \$453.72, and \$50 invested in building association, making the total worth of council \$483.72; membership, 199 in good standing.

After the business of the evening had been disposed of the brothers were invited to the dining room, where a fine oyster supper awaited them, prepared by Mrs. Pyles, after which the brothers were entertained with music and song.

The following members of the order were present: Trustees, William H. Pyles, Frank F. Kress, Ralph M. McKenzie; Recording Secretary John E. Smallwood, Financial Secretary James S. Espy, Assistant Recording Secretary H. F. Steel, Treasurer William M. Bobb, and Past Counselor Edward D. Schwenk.

### CITY BREVITIES.

James M. Dunn, a contractor, living at 1324 Fifth Street northwest, fell from a car on Seventh Street, between L and M streets northwest, last night, sustaining severe injuries.

Inquiry into the case of William H. Matchett, murderer of Joseph Gatto, who was killed last October, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed until January 23.

In the Police Court yesterday James Dawson was sentenced to jail for six months, and Charles, his brother, for two months, for assaulting Lloyd Nelson and Frank Merrill, special delivery messengers.

Students of the law, medical and dental departments of Georgetown University, appeared at the Columbia Theater yesterday afternoon in "The Rivals." Alexander C. Rooke took the part of Sir Anthony Absolute, and C. Moran Barry played Sir Lucius O'Trigger, while Bob Acres was represented by James A. Gannon. The manager of the Georgetown Dramatic Association, which gave the play, is James A. Taaf.

Suit for \$2,400 against the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington Railway companies has been filed by Thomas T. Keane, of this city, on account of twenty bullocks which he says the companies contracted to haul, and failed to deliver.

Articles of incorporation of the James B. Lambie Company have been placed on file in the office of the Recorder of Deeds. The purpose of the incorporation is to carry on a general hardware business. The incorporators are James B. Lambie, W. Elmer Espey, Charles R. Duehay, Henry F. Broadbent, and James E. Fort.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return \$1.25 Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11, limited to last train returning from Baltimore Sunday, January 11. All trains except Congressional Limited.

## THE NEWS OF GEORGETOWN.

The Rev. Charles Alvin Smith, pastor of Peck Memorial Chapel, preached last night at the Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, the occasion being the union gospel meeting of the congregations of various Georgetown churches. The meetings have been very successful. The music last night was furnished by the combined choirs of the participating churches.

The services will be omitted tonight and Sunday, Monday evening the Rev. J. H. Straughn, pastor of Mount Tabor M. E. Church, will officiate. Tuesday evening, the Rev. Frank H. Havenner, pastor of the Dumbarton Avenue Church, will preach, and Wednesday evening, the Rev. W. C. Alexander, of the West Street Presbyterian Church, will preside. The officiating clergymen for Thursday and Friday evenings have not yet been assigned.

The Rev. Dr. James H. W. Blake, the new pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, corner First and O streets northwest, will begin the duties of the office tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The new rector's term will be inaugurated at the regular Sunday morning service.

Dr. Blake was called to Christ Church about a month ago, from Akron, Ohio, where he was rector of an Episcopal Church. He was a prominent member of the diocese of Ohio. The parish he fills now was held by the Rev. Dr. Albert Rhett Stuart, deceased, for twenty-five years.

The Georgetown University Dramatic Association presented at the Columbia Theater yesterday afternoon the English comedy, "The Rivals." Those in the cast were students selected from the law, medical and dental departments, as follows: Alexander J. Rooke, C. Moran

Barry, James A. Gannon, John V. Beary, Edward B. Draper, James C. S. Spottswood, Michael F. McLaughlin, and Francis P. Sullivan.

The officers of the association are C. Moran Barry, president; Murray Russell, business manager; Bernard C. McKenna, treasurer, and Lawrence M. Hanretty, secretary.

The barkentine, Captain Findley, has arrived here from Fernandina, Fla., with a cargo of lumber for J. Edward Libbey & Son. The boat made an unusually quick trip, having sailed from Florida January 3. Ten days is the usual time for the trip.

Mrs. Margaret E. Lyddane, wife of Edmund Lyddane, of O Street northwest, met with a painful accident Thursday afternoon. She was walking in the yard in the rear of her home, when she slipped and fell, breaking her right arm and spraining the left.

### RECOMMENDS CHEMICAL ENGINE.

R. W. Dutton, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, has forwarded to the District Commissioners the report of Mechanic T. M. Robinson, on the chemical engine manufactured by Charles T. Holloway, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Robinson found after a full test of the machine that it was in excellent working order and recommended the acceptance of the engine. Chief Dutton approves the recommendation.

### The Best Resolution of All.

Resolve to open a bank account with Union Trust and Savings Co., 1414 F st. n.w. Interest paid on deposits subject to check.

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## PLANS OF BIG NORFOLK WATERWORKS SYNDICATE

New Plant to Increase Supply to Ten Million Gallons.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 10.—The transfer of the stock and bonds of the Portsmouth, Berkley, and Suffolk Water Company from the Railway and Light Company of America to the syndicate headed by G. Ober, of Baltimore, but including many local capitalists, has been completed. John S. Watson is to be president of the new company, which will operate under the old name.

The capital stock of the old company was \$5,000,000, and it is understood that the new purchasers did not pay above par for the stock and bonds. Many improvements are to be made, and many thousands of dollars expended in putting the plant in condition to accommodate the rapidly increasing business.

General Manager Hornung, who went to Cincinnati just before Christmas to arrange for the purchase and construction of a pumping engine of 5,000,000 gallons daily capacity, is about ready to close the contract. Four months will be consumed in manufacturing the pump, and by the time of its arrival the 20-inch main will have been laid forty feet under the waters of the Southern branch and Berkley connected with the system.

With the new pump the plant will be capable of supplying 10,000,000 gallons of water daily, and this is expected to suffice for a good many years.

### Change in Schedules—Southern Railway—Bluemont Branch.

Effective Sunday, January 11, 1903, slight changes will be made in the schedules of trains Nos. 26, 28, and 24, Bluemont Branch, Southern Railway. See station agents for definite information.



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